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Ms. Jackie Forba
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Dear Ms. Forba:

We are pleased to inform you that the title XXI State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on July 16, 2007, was approved. This amendment proposes to expand coverage from 150 percent to 175 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), add an Extended Dental Plan in addition to the basic dental plan, and update the State plan to reflect Montana's current practice of contracting with a Third Party Administrator (TPA). The proposed retroactive effective date for the FPL increase is July 1, 2007; October 1, 2006, for the contract with the TPA; and October 1, 2007, for the prospective effective date for the expansion of dental benefits.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Danielle Kehm. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other SCHIP-related issues. Ms. Kehm's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Kehm and to Mr. Michael Melendez, Acting Associate Regional Administrator in our Denver Regional Office. The contact information for Mr. Melendez is:

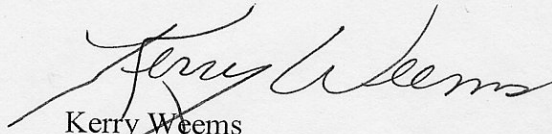
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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Kerry Weems
Acting Administrator